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Officials from Wayne County and the City of Romulus along with Amazon leaders celebrated the completion of the new road project last week. Photo by Roger Kadau

City celebrates $13.5 million road project

Officials from Wayne County, the City of Romulus and local residents celebrated the completion of a $13.5 million road improvement project that has expanded transportation and development options in the north end of the community during a special ribbon cutting last week.

The ceremony took place Sept. 25 in the parking lot of the new Amazon Fulfillment Center at 32801 Ecorse Road on the east side of Vining Road.

The Vining/Ecorse improvement project, which started in October 2017, created a four-lane concrete boulevard extension of Vining Road from Smith Road north to Ecorse Road and expanded Ecorse from a two-lane road to a three-lane road from Vining to Merriman Road.

Intersection upgrades were completed at Merriman and Ecorse roads and Middlebelt and Ecorse roads to enable better traffic flow.

A series of signal light upgrades and water and sewer improvements are also part of the project. Traffic signals were upgraded at the Ecorse-Middlebelt intersection, the Ecorse-Merriman intersection and the Ecorse-Wayne Road intersection. New signal installations occurred at the Ecorse-Vining installation and the entrance drive at the Amazon property.

The total cost of the project was about $13.5 million: more than $5.2 million for the Ecorse Road construction, more than $7.8 million for the Vining Road construction, plus nearly $300,000 in ancillary costs.

"The goals were to complete the last link of Vining Road to I-94 with Ecorse Road and to improve the Ecorse Road corridor across from Amazon," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff. "The improvements will have an immediate and lasting impact on our transportation needs and development options."

Economic Development Director Tim Keyes said the job saw two engineering firms work simultaneously to get the project completed. Wade Trim designed the Vining Road portion of the work, while OHM Advisors designed the Ecorse Road portion of the project. Dan's Excavating was the contractor.

"This is an important day that marks big improvements for the Romulus community," said OHM Advisors Director of Municipal Services Kent Early during the ribbon cutting. "We're pleased to be a continued partner of the City of Romulus, and are especially proud to be part of the team delivering infrastructure

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Township considers new ambulance service

Don Howard
Staff Writer

> *Township board members said they plan to make a decision this month that will be effective Jan.1, 2019...*

Plymouth Township officials are considering the need for a more effective emergency response in the deployment of ambulances, paramedics and firefighters. It is anticipated township officials will soon consider changes in the delivery of emergency response service when 9-1-1 callers require patient transport to a hospital.

Michigan law provides that a local government unit may operate an ambulance operation or non-transport pre-hospital life support operation, or contract with persons to furnish any of those services and receive private funds for the purpose of providing emergency medical services.

For decades Huron Valley Ambulance Co. (HVA), an Ann Arbor based non-profit licensed to operate in Washtenaw County and parts of Wayne and Oakland counties, has conducted business inside the township without contractual agreement or performance obligation, maintaining restricted control over patient care, according to township records.

Last June, based on the recommendation of Plymouth Township Trustee Jack Dempsey, members of the board of trustees approved a resolution seeking bids for contract ambulance services. Township Clerk Jerry Vorva then issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for supplemental ambulance service to determine whether there is interest on the part of private providers to enter into a contract with Plymouth Township, beneficial to both parties. Sealed bids were opened at a public meeting on the inquiry due date, Aug. 31.

An informal arrangement with HVA based on a handshake deal crafted by former Township Supervisor Maurice Breen has been in place since

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Judge's ruling leaves lone mayoral candidate

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Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert J. Columbo has again ruled against the mayoral candidacy of former City Councilman Christopher Sanders.

Currently, the only candidate on the ballot seeking the office of mayor is City Councilman John Rhaesa who was successful in having Sanders, his only challenger, removed from the ballot by Columbo during an Aug. 28 court proceeding.

In that ruling by Columbo, Sanders' candidacy was disallowed due to his "defacement" of his affidavit of identity on which he handwrote "No" in response to a question regarding the payment of all past filing and election fees to the county. Sanders still owes about $4,000 in past fees, according to county records.

Sanders then filed an emergency motion and appended complaint Sept. 17, claiming that Rhaesa had not properly completed his required affidavit of identity by not completing specific information about his voting precinct.

An emergency court hearing on Sanders' claims took place last Tuesday during which Columbo ruled that Sanders had "no standing" in the matter and vigorously rejected his claims. Columbo additionally ruled that timelines for any such claims by Sanders had expired. Sanders' claims were based on previous rulings Columbo issued in unrelated legal challenges to a Plymouth Township candidate's legitimacy based on the same failure to complete the section of the affidavit detailing the individual's voting precinct. In that instance, Columbo ruled that the candidate's failure to designate his voting precinct on the form invalidated the affidavit and ordered his name removed from the ballot.

In this latest hearing, Columbo rejected Sanders' argument and also awarded both legal fees and court costs to Rhaesa.

Sanders' attorney, Tarek Baydoun, indicated that he would file for a ruling from the Michigan State Court of Appeals.

"The decision rendered by Judge Colombo in this matter is highly regrettable," Baydoun said. 'Judge Colombo not only abused the court's discretion in this miscarriage of justice, he doubled down. Colombo abused his position of power by prejudicially and prematurely finding that even the filing of a lawsuit against John Rhaesa, a candidate who admits his entire candidacy began with the filing of a false affidavit, was frivolous and then awarding attorney fees where no motion for attorney fees had been filed."

Baydoun said that this latest ruling of the court is a disenfranchisement of citizens who signed Sanders' nominating petitions and who support his candidacy.

Sanders said that he had no comment on the outcome other than to express his disappointment and said he has made no decision about a write-in campaign. Candidates must file as write-ins by Oct. 26.

Northville - Westland

2 new officers join Westland department

Michael Bolton

Shamir Enrique Garcia-Romero

The City of Westland welcomed two new police officers to the force last week.

Michael Bolton and Shamir Enrique Garcia-Romero were sworn in to their new positions during a ceremony at city hall.

Bolton grew up in Wayne and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. He earned an associates degree in Criminal Justice from Schoolcraft College and graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Bolton is familiar with the department as he work as a police service aide for 1 ½ years before accepting a position as a full-time police officer with the Wayne Police Department.

Romero was born in Puerto Rico and moved to Westland in 1995. He attended Wayne-Westland Schools: Patchin Elementary, Stevenson Middle School and John Glenn High School.

He also worked at John Glenn as a school safety officer.

Romero mentored 67 students in the Wayne-Westland Community School District Scholars Program and is an active varsity wrestling coach for the John Glenn Rockets. Romero also worked for 2 years as a Westland Police Service Aide and graduated from the Washtenaw College Police Academy where he was sponsored by the Westland Police Department through the police service aide chief's program.

"The aides are trained with the techniques that Westland officers receive and the program allows us to train and evaluate potential new officers," commented Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "We have hired a number of service aids as Westland Police Officers over the years and it has proven to be an effective tool to build diversity within the department."

"We welcome these talented officers as the newest members of the Westland Police Department," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Their respective backgrounds coupled with their experience serving within the Westland Police Department make them valuable assets to the community."

Suspect in Northville bank robbery arrested

A 47-year-old Westland man has been arrested in connection with the armed robbery of the Chase Bank in Northville Township Sept. 13.

According to police reports, Brian Allen Littlejohn was arrested in the early morning hours of Sept. 19 in Detroit and charged with the robbery of the Chase Bank located at 42901 Seven Mile Road in Northville Township at about 9:40 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13.

According to police reports of the incident, the robber walked up to a teller and told her to "open your drawer, this is a robbery." The suspect implied he had a weapon, according to police. The man allegedly took the money and then fled the scene on foot, along Seven Mile Road. The incident caused a brief lockdown of school buildings in the area.

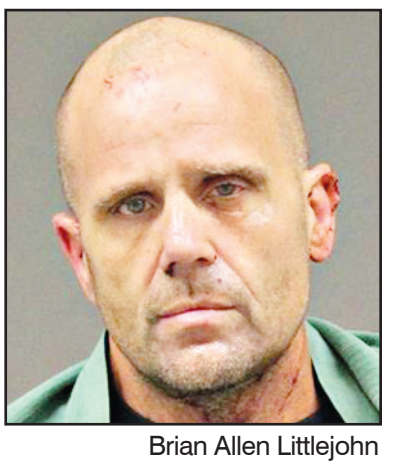
The amount of cash taken was not disclosed by authorities.

> *Littlejohn is currently lodged at the Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.*

Littlejohn was arraigned the same day he was arrested before Judge James Plakas at the 35th District Court on three counts including bank robbery, armed robbery and felonious assault.

Plakas set a $5 million cash bond in the case and Littlejohn is currently lodged at the Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.

Northville Township issued a statement thanking the local, state and federal law enforcement departments who assisted in the investigation and the apprehension of Littlejohn.


Brian Allen Littlejohn

Street repair bond to be topic at public meeting

Northville City officials have scheduled a second community forum regarding the street repair bond.

The public meeting is planned for 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Northville Community Center, 303 West Main St.

Officials said multiple aspects of the bond which will be on the Nov. 6 ballot will be discussed. Voters will be asked to decide on a .98 millage for the issuance of a $3,050,000 Street Improvement Bond to fund street repairs and upgrades in the community during the next 10 years.

During the first informational forum last month, Mayor Ken Roth presented an overview of the ballot proposal: its cost, the impact on area streets, and the strategy of how repairs and replacement will be assessed and scheduled if the measure is approved by voters. Public works, engineering and finance professionals were in attendance to offer more information and answer questions.

According to officials, one of the questions most often asked about the proposal is how other communities are handling street repairs.

The answer, available on the city website, is "Canton approved a millage of 1.45 over 20 years on the township's Aug. 7 ballot. Novi passed a 1.5 millage for roads in 2012, it was enacted in 2013 and does not expire. In 2014, Royal Oak voters approved a 10-year, 2.5-mill tax increase to upgrade local streets.. In 2016, Ann Arbor renewed a street, bridge and sidewalk millage, and bridges of up to 2.125 mills for five years (2017-2021). Brighton did not pass a recent request for a 4.34 mill increase to repair and maintain streets."

To determine the cost at individual homes if the millage is approved, residents need only multiply the taxable value, usually one-half the market value, of their property by .00098.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Charity donates funds to public safety efforts

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton Township resident Daksh Patel was glad to present a check for $2,500 to Canton Public Safety officials recently, and Public Safety Director Joshua Meier was grateful.

"Without their support, our Police and Fire Awards programs wouldn't have been able to go forward," Meier said of the Sept. 25 check presentation by BAPS Charities at a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

BAPS Charities is an international non-religious charitable organization. Daksh Patel said after the check was presented, "We really wanted to showcase the kind of impact we've been having."

BAPS Charities has a Canton building at 3175 S. Canton Center Road, and hosts a Health Fair each September. Locally, BAPS Charities is also known for its Walkathon and general efforts "to provide community safety also," said Niketan Patel, who presented the check on Sept. 25 along with Mukesh Patel and Ajit Patel.

> *It's an open forum for everybody, Health Fair and Walkathon.*

The recent September Health Fair drew more than 200 people, with some 175 consulting with a physician. "It's an open forum for everybody, Health Fair and Walkathon," noted Niketan Patel.

The group website notes additional programs such as a health lecture on preventing dementia, a children's health and safety day, and mental health awareness efforts. Niketan Patel also cited a bone marrow drive, along with support of teacher grants made by the Educational Excellence Foundation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Cancer research is also supported by BAPS Charities. The group is looking forward to a fun community event, 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, the Diwali: A New Year Celebration.

Also at the Sept. 25 Canton Board of Trustees meeting, trustees OK'd work stations and a portable wall at Canton Public Safety, with the wall to keep undercover officers from public view.

Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak asked about use of drug forfeiture funds by Public Safety. "There is certain equipment we cannot purchase with drug forfeiture funds," said Meier. He added reports must be filed on spending which must relate to law enforcement.

'Friends' group supports township millage

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Last week union members of the Plymouth Township Fire and Police Department presented a combined $4,670 in donations to Friends of Plymouth Township in support of the upcoming public safety millage proposal set for the Nov. 6 ballot.

Township Police Officers Association President Jason Hayes presented Bill Carter, treasurer of the Friends of Plymouth Township group with donations in the amount of $1,670. Combined with $3,000 in contributions from fire department personnel, donations totaled $4,670.

Friends group members said they plan to utilize the funds to blanket the township with information for voters, explaining the vital importance of the upcoming public safety ballot issue.

Friends is a non-profit and re-united grassroots group of Plymouth Township citizen volunteers who have historically taken an interest in township issues, including strong support for the upcoming township public safety millage.

> *The township currently has a total of 21 firefighters to man three stations for all shifts.*

Carter said he was "extremely pleased at the very generous donations provided by the township's best–the first responders."

According to township officials, Plymouth Township will require 1.2 mills per year ($1.20 per $1000 of taxable value) from 2018 through 2035. For the average homeowner this will equate to roughly $150 a year. The funds will be used to update and replace aging equipment including fire trucks and ambulances, improving police, fire and dispatch facilities and addressing staffing needs.

Members said the public needs to understand the hurdles the township faces to sufficiently fund emergency response to meet public safety expectations and comply with new state and federal mandates.

One example they cite is the revised National Fire Protection Association changes to staffing levels for a fire in a single-family dwelling that now calls for a minimum deployment of 14 firefighters. The township currently has a total of 21 firefighters to man three stations for all shifts.

Find Friends of Plymouth Township on Facebook @plymouthfirst responders or

https://www.facebook.com/plymouthfirstresponders/.

Friends of Plymouth Township Treasurer Bill Carter accepts a $3000 check from Plymouth Township Fire Department IAFF President Guy Villet. Photo by Don Howard

Ambulance

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1991. The established township protocol permits HVA to invoice residents and patients for their EMS transport service and retain 100 percent of the revenue.

The township emergency response dispatch service provides 9-1-1 medical calls to HVA in addition to the Township Fire Department in order that HVA be allowed to respond, if they so desire.

Under the established 9-1-1 system, after the fire department is dispatched all medical emergency calls are turned over to HVA dispatchers for triage, assessment of injury severity, and to provide bystanders CPR assistance - when appropriate. HVA dispatchers then ascertain if they have an ambulance available in the Plymouth area, then select the the type of ambulance unit (Basic or Advanced Life Support) they will dispatch, and the class of medical personnel that are on-board: Basic EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) or Paramedics.

According to official data analysis of fire department records, a review of dispatch and response times indicate that the ambulance response reliability under the current informal arrangement is at best, fragmented, inconsistent and often times slow and board members report, not at all cost effective.

Those familiar with the situation along with industry professionals say there are serious questions concerning the skill of outside pre-hospital field personnel to appropriately triage or diagnose emergency patients over the telephone.

There's a consensus of expert agreement that the life-saving success of any pre-hospital care system depends on the ability of the dispatchers to triage patients.

Records show HVA personnel decline to respond to emergent calls at times because the nearest ambulance unit is in use.

Other times, when fire department personnel inquire as to the location from which HVA is responding they are informed they are involved in a hospital transport in another community or are a long distance from the location where help is needed.

Only three companies responded to the township RFQ; HVA, Beaumont Mobile Medicine and Community EMS. HVA effectively declined any agreement to pay the township any portion of the revenue they collect from patients, stating their reason as, "Federal law does not allow for ambulance providers to pay for a right to provide Medicare and Medicaid program business."

Township board members said they plan to make a decision this month that will be effective Jan.1, 2019, and will seriously consider allowing the fire department to handle patient hospital transport.

Legislator hosts information meeting

State Rep. Jeff Noble, of Plymouth, is partnering with staff members from the office of the Michigan attorney general to host a consumer education event beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Plymouth Library.

The presentation will highlight in-home care and senior residences, information regarding certain services and fees statewide and understanding legal agreements to make informed life decisions.

"Many seniors across Michigan - living on fixed incomes - find themselves making difficult decisions when deciding their type of care and services," Noble said. "There are many confusing terms and legal loopholes that could, in some cases, hurt our vulnerable residents. I encourage everyone exploring senior care options to attend the presentation and get informed on the available resources out there."

There is no charge to attend the event and a light lunch will be provided. Individuals looking for more information can contact Noble's office at (517) 373-3816 or by emailing JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

The library is located at 223 South Main St. in Plymouth.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2018 for the following:

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Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – September 25, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Slavens Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull, Deputy Director - Police Baugh, Deputy Director – Fire Stoecklein Staff Absent: Director Hohenberger, **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Anthony, supported by Graham-Hudak to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Anthony, supported by Graham-Hudak to approve the Board Study Session Minutes of September 18, 2018 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Trip Bonds, 48531 Greenwich Circle, commented on street flooding in Central Park Subdivision. Supervisor Williams referred this to Director Faas. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PRESENTATION:** BAPS Charities Check Presentation to Canton Public Safety Mr. Daksh Patel along with representatives from the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir – Hindu Temple in Canton presented Director Meier, Deputy Director - Police Baugh, and Deputy Director – Fire Stoecklein with a check and invited all to their Diwali Celebration on November 8th. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to enter the presentation into the public record. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider Request to Increase-Decrease Blanket Purchase Order for Police Uniforms. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve closing the Blanket Purchase Order issued to North Eastern Uniforms, and increase the existing Blanket Purchase Order #660-2018 issued to Priority One Emergency, in the amount of $9,000 for uniform purchases during the remainder of 2018. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-2. Consider Approval of 2018 Budget Adjustment for Downtown Development Authority. (Supv)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the 2018 proposed DDA budget which reflects total projected revenues in the amount of $2,245,906 and total projected expenses of $2,245,906. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Final Approval of the Planned Development and Site Plan for Hampton Manor of Canton Assisted Living Facility. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Approval of the Final Planned Development and Site Plan for Hampton Manor Assisted Living Facility WHEREAS**, the Project Sponsor has requested final approval of a Planned Development and Site Plan for the Hampton Manor Assisted Living Facility, located on the south side of Ford Road west of Ridge Road; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the final development plan and site plan made a recommendation to approve the request as it meets the criteria for a planned development, fulfills identified needs in the community and results in definite benefits to the community; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request for Final Approval of the Planned Development and Site Plan for the Hampton Manor Assisted Living Facility, proposed on tax parcel no. 069-99-0002-000 and part of tax parcel no. 069-99-0003-000, subject to any and all applicable state and local development regulations. **Item G-2. Consider Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2017 FEMA SAFER Grant. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to accept the FY2017 FEMA SAFER grant award in the amount of $1,353,240, with designated Canton match, for the hiring of six new firefighters. Motion carried by all members present. Director Trumbull explained these positions will be added to the budgets for 2019 and 2020. **Item G-3. Consider Approving the Purchase of Desktop Computers for Investigations Unit. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the purchase of 12 desktop computers and nine monitors from Dell, Inc., for a total amount of $12,300. Motion carried by all members present. Clerk Siegrist, with the support of Trustee Foster, withdrew this motion to adjust the wording. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the purchase of 12 desktop computers with the appropriate amount of monitors from Dell, Inc., for a total amount of $12,300. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Approving the Purchase, Relocation and Installation of Work Stations and Portable Wall. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase, installation and relocation of work stations and a portable wall from Kentwood Office Furniture in the amount of $29,730.94 utilizing drug forfeiture funds. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Clerk Siegrist commented that today is National Voter Registration Day. The last day to register to vote is October 9th. He also invited all interested parties to submit applications for the Election Inspector positions. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. ____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** ____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval. CN1758 - 100418 2.5 x 6

Belleville - Romulus

Rotary Club seeking 'Feed The Hungry' volunteers

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Belleville, part of Rotary District 6400, hope to package more than 100,000 meals during the 9th annual Feed the World Day 2018 next month.

The effort is part of the Kids' Coalition Against Hunger and volunteers will work from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Nov. 3 to package meals to aid in the effort to alleviate child hunger in the work. Worldwide, more than 14,000 children die every day due to malnutrition. In America, more than 17.5 millions households struggle with hunger, every day, according to national statistics.

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the effort. The packaging will take place in the Ted Scott Community Room at Wayne County Community College in Belleville. Setup will begin at 6:30 a.m. A generous portion of the food packages will be used to help fight hunger in the local area.

The Ted Scott Campus of the Wayne County Community College is located at 9555 Haggerty road in Belleville.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a 501 c (3) humanitarian good aid organization. The mission of the group is to significantly reduce the number of undernourished children locally and around the world. The fully nutritious meals are packaged by volunteers and delivered to starving people with the help of worldwide partners.

One Kids Coalition Against Hunger Food pack will provide six adult meals at 28 cents per meal, or $1.68 per packet.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger was started by Dr. Donald E. Burwell in 1998. The humanitarian crusade has partnered with many service groups, churches, businesses and volunteers. The group produces million of meals a year that are sent to local community food banks and shelters. Food is also shipped to 20 countries globally while a portion of the packaged meals are stored for disaster relief.

One Kids Coalition Against Hunger Food pack will provide six adult meals at 28 cents per meal, or $1.68 per packet.

Cash donations to help purchase the meals are also needed. Checks can be mailed to KCAH, Box 930794, Wixom, Mi 48393. The memo line should read: Feed the World 2018.

For more information about the packaging day, contact Jim Perri at jhjperr1@gmail.com or call (313) 550-0494.

Roads

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improvements that pave the way for the new Amazon distribution center - resulting in economic development advantages and up to 1,600 jobs in the community."

Shawn Keough, municipal services lead for Wade Trim, said: "The completion of the Vining Road Improvements represents the city's commitment to a vision for economic growth and connectivity that started when the project was conceptualized nearly 20 years ago. This new roadway and public infrastructure open up development potential and significant investment that will help the community for future generations. Wade Trim is very thankful for the opportunity to help the city's team create a safe roadway for its residents, business users and visitors."

The city has issued a 15-year bond to fund $11.9 million of the project. The bonds will be paid by funds pledged from the tax increment revenue capture from the existing Romulus Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) and a Detroit Region Aerotropolis Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).

Other partners included Wayne County, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Aerotropolis. The county provided $1.6 million for the project. The State of Michigan enabled the city to utilize the Aerotropolis to create the LDFA on the Amazon project, which allows the city to capture state millage to help fund the project.

"This project shows the benefits of collaboration and partnership between local, county and state government working with the private sector," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans. "Wayne County is proud to have partnered on this effort. The road improvements benefit the community while providing the infrastructure Amazon needs to be successful at the site. It's truly a win-win."

Special events set for seniors at center today

The Romulus Senior Center will host two fun events the night of Thursday, Oct. 4, designed to generate funds for a new salon at the center and other senior programming.

• "Paint 'n' Pour" is open to those interested in creating a decorative seasonal painting. The 5 p.m. event is being called "a night of creativity, laughs and libation. Instructions and supplies will be provided. Admission is $35 per person. "Finger foods" will be supplied. Participants are encouraged to bring their drink and snack of choice.

• "A Bonfire, Cigars and Drinks Event" is open to those interested in having a fun night, also starting at 5 p.m. A fire pit will be available outside for cigar smoking. A full dinner also will be served indoors.

"Come join us for a lively night," said Rose Swidan, director of the senior center. "You can come as a couple if you like and have a great time."

Funds raised will be applied to creating a new and improved salon. Currently, haircuts are provided once a month to interested seniors. The goal is to provide two regular hair stations and a third that will be wheelchair accessible. Once the salon is fully functional, haircuts will be available weekly, along with pedicure service.

"There is a big demand for this," Swidan said. "Pampering will uplift the spirits of the seniors. A little bit of beauty treatment will always brighten a woman's day."

The Romulus Senior Center is located at 36525 Bibbins. Checks should be made payable to the "Friends of the Romulus Senior Center."

For more information, call the senior center at (734) 955-4130.

Belleville becomes Booville for the month of October

The City of Belleville will become Booville for the entire month of October with special celebrations, entertainment and attractions set for the month.

Scarecrows on Main will line downtown for the entire month during the annual city contest for the best straw creation.

Tomorrow, Oct. 5 will bring the Annual Witches Ball sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Egan's Pub. The event will continue from 7-10 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square Tent and tickets are priced at $30 per person.

Wayne County Community College and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will present Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Booville tent on Fourth Street Square. Admission is free.

The Annual Harvest Fest is planned from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 with food and crafts for sale. The free event will take place on Main Street between Roys and Fourth St. and is sponsored by the Belleville Library and the Historical Museum along with other community organizations.

The Monster Mutt Walk is set for 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 with costumed dogs vying for prizes. Advance registration at $10 per entry is available at the Central Business Community. Walkers will meet at Fourth Street Square for the event.

Also on Saturday, Oct. 20 is the Annual Cemetery Tour from 3-5 p.m. There is a $10 fee for Belleville Area Historical Society members and the cost is $15 for non-members. Advance tickets are available at the museum or at the door. The tour this year is in Tyler Cemetery.

The Boo Bash is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21. The dance will include a live band with singers. There will be a cash bar provided by the Van Buren Eagles members. The event will take place at the Van Buren Eagles Lodge on Beck Road. The event is sponsored by the Belleville Community Chorus and friends and donations to the chorus will be welcome.

The Belleville Zombie 5K Run/Walk will begin with check in at 9 a.m. with racers starting in the event at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. The race begins and ends at Horizon Park Gazebo. The race is sponsored by Belleville New Tech and the Belleville City Downtown Development Authority.

Also on Saturday will be the Candy Loop from 4-6 p.m. on Quirk Park off Tyler Road. The free event is sponsored by the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department.

The Belleville Area Museum Children's Costume Halloween party will take place from 3-5 p.m. Sunday Oct. 28 at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

A Halloween Grown-Up Story Time is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Belleville Area District Library. Classic spooky takes, snacks and a Halloween craft are available at the free event. Registration will open Oct. 15 and is required.

Trunk or Treat, a free event is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31 at Sumpter Fire Station Number One in Sumpter Township. No time for the event had been announced at press time and scheduling of some events is subject to change, officials noted.

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Correction

In a story last week regarding a federal grant which will allow the City of Romulus to hire five firefighters for a period of 3 years, the headline was incorrect. The story contained some inaccurate informtion which may have caused some confusion.

The story also credited a quote to Mayor LeRoy Burcroff in error.

The city will use the SAFER grant through the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to hire five full-time firefighters for three years.

The Eagle apologizes for any confusion the error may have caused.

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Criminal charges filed in Westland jail death

A Westland police officer and two paramedics are facing criminal charges in connection with death of a man held in police custody last December.

On Monday, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy filed charges of involuntary manslaughter against Police Sgt. Ronald Buckley 54, and Westland Paramedics Matt Dicosola, 50, and Leah Maynard, 36.

According to the prosecutor, William Marshall, 35, of Inkster was arrested at about 6:28 a.m. Dec. 10, 2017 when cocaine and marijuana were found in his possession during a traffic stop. Police reports indicate that Mr. Marshall denied he had ingested drugs and claimed white powder on his mouth was from a donut. He walked and spoke normally at the time of the arrest, according to police. He was taken to the Westland jail for booking where the inside of his mouth was swabbed for the presence of drugs. Police reports indicate that Marshall did not report any medical issues and appeared to be in good health.

As approximately 7:51 a.m., Mr. Marshall went into convulsions, experienced muscle spasms and was unable to walk, according to police reports. Mr. Marshall and other inmates in his cell asked jail personnel for help and at that time, Buckley, the watch commander for the jail, called for EMS personnel, reports stated.

Westland Paramedics Dicosola and Maynard were dispatched to the jail and arrived at 8:01 a.m. It is alleged that Buckley and the paramedics observed Mr. Marshall on the cell floor at 8:02 a.m. at which time they saw Mr. Marshall convulsing, telling them he was having a seizure, and asking for help. He was then dragged from the cell into a hallway, according to a statement from Worthy's office. It is alleged that neither paramedic took vital signs for Mr. Marshall, or performed a medical assessment. Neither paramedic intervened in any manner as they watched Mr. Marshall on the floor, in distress, repeatedly requesting their help, according to the charges.

At 8:07 a.m., Mr. Marshall was placed back in the jail cell while convulsing, and an inmate tried to come to his aid. It is further alleged that Dicosola looked at Mr. Marshall and indicated that he and Maynard could transport him to the hospital in case he had ingested something, but he concluded that he was not having a seizure. It is alleged that despite observing Mr. Marshall in distress, Buckley determined that Mr. Marshall should remain in jail and dismissed the paramedics at 8:10 a.m. At approximately 8:27 a.m., the report claims that Buckley observed Mr. Marshall continuing to have convulsions. Buckley failed to seek medical attention for Mr. Marshall when he left the cell area at approximately 8:30 a.m., according to the prosecutor's office.

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>
> **Mayor William R . Wild**

Mr. Marshall continued to convulse after being placed back in the cell, although the force and frequency of the convulsions diminished over time. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Marshall was motionless. At 9:27 a.m., Buckley observed Mr. Marshall not moving and he had another officer check his pulse and drag him into the hallway where they administered CPR and used a defibrillator. At approximately 9:39 a.m., paramedics returned to the jail. At 9:41 a.m., Mr. Marshall was transported from the jail to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Mr. Marshall's cause of death was determined to be from cocaine toxicity.

Buckley, Dicosola and Maynard have each been charged with one count of involuntary manslaughter - failure to perform a legal duty, a felony with a 15-year maximum penalty. They have also been charged with misconduct in office, a common law felony with a 5-year maximum penalty.

"The alleged conduct of the defendants in this case shows an inexcusable and criminal disregard for human life from those who have the duty to serve, protect, and render aid to those in need," Worthy said.

All three defendants are expected to make arrangements to turn themselves in to the Michigan State Police for arrest on the charges.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Marshall, as did Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner and Chief of Police Jeff Jedrusik.

Stradtner said the department has been cooperating with the investigation and would continue to do so. Dicolsola and Maynard are no longer employed with the Westland Fire Department.

Jedruski said that Buckley has been suspended and that the department will continue their own investigation into the matter

"After the investigation, we will take the necessary discipline up to and including termination of the officer," Jedrusik said.

Both Stradtner and Jedruski reiterated their sympathy for Mr. Marshall's family and both noted that there has been additional training in both the fire and police departments.

"We are fully committed to ensure nothing like this ever happens again," Wild said.

Parents face murder charge

A Wayne couple has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of a 2-year-old child last March.

Matthew Luke and Jaimie Starr, both 34, were charged and arraigned in 34th District Court Sept. 22 the murder charges.

Matthew Starr was the father of the 2-year-old victim, Devin Bisesi. The child was in the care of the couple when Wayne police and EMTs were called to a home on the 2900 block of Wayne Road at 4:46 p.m. March 18. Once inside the home, emergency responders observed the lifeless body of the child who was cold to the touch, according to police and fire reports of the incident.

Prosecutors allege that his father and stepmother caused the death of the victim by keeping him in a "pack and play" type crib with a gate on top forming a makeshift cage, according to reports from the office of the Wayne County prosecutor. Investigators allege that the child was left unattended and suffocated. Prosecutors believe the suspects moved the child from the crib, cleaned the room and then called 911. The cause of death, according to the office of the Wayne County medical examiner was asphyxiation.

The Michigan State Police assisted in the investigation of the death.

The defendants are being held without bond. A preliminary court examination on the charges is set for Oct. 9.

Healthy Living Day

Charity race is set for this Saturday

The Inkster Task Force and the Inkster Firefighters Local 1577 will host the 4th Annul 5K Run/Walk as part of Healthy Living Day 2018 at Inkster Valley Golf Course, 2150 Middlebelt Road in Inkster on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The cost to enter is $40 if paid Oct 1 through race day. To register, visit www.hokandirons5k.com,.

There will be hustle lessons on the patio which runners wait to start. New this year, too, is a Kids Run fro ages 5-12. Entry fee is $10 per child.

Registration available at Eventbrite.com/Inkster5K.

NOTICE OF ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD VACANCY

Due to a recent resignation, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education is seeking applicants to serve on the Romulus Board of Education until December 31, 2020. This is the rest of time left on the vacant seat. This seat will then be placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and summary of qualifications no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5, 2018 to:

Mr. Thomas Kuderik, President
Romulus Board of Education
36540 Grant Rd.
Romulus, Ml 48174

An individual is eligible for election as a school board member if the individual is a citizen of the United States and is a qualified registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.

Timeline:
September 26, 2018: Vacancy Posted

October 5, 2018: Vacancy closes at 4:00 p.m. and applications are reviewed and scheduled for interviews

October 8, 2018: Applicants notified of time of interview

October 9, 2018: Interview and appoint final candidate

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID

ITB 18/19-16 2018-2019 SNOW REMOVAL/ICE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER/RINK MANAGEMENT

The City of Romulus on behalf of the facility's management firm, Rink Management is seeking bids from qualified and experienced companies for snow removal and ice management services for the 2018/2019 snow season for the Romulus Athletic Center.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **October 16, 2018**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.

(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, Rink Management may contract with the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the discretion of Rink Management and the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Barb Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-316 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 4, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-317 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 4, 2018 – Attorney Opinion (closed session). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

3. Petitioner

18- 318 3A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the First Amendment to Planned Development Area Agreement, PDA-2018-001; Metro Airport Center at 11100 Metro Airport Center conditioned upon any minor revisions to the PDA Agreement as determined by the City Attorney. (Judy LaPorte, Detroit Metro Airport Center, LLC and Attorney Donald Peterson came before Council). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-319 3B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Restated Conditional Rezoning Agreement, PC-2014-005, D & G Conditional Rezoning at 11457/11651 Hannan Road. (Nino DiDomenico, from D & G Building came before Council). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-320 3C. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to **table** the request to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the Restated Conditional Rezoning Agreement, RZ-2016-001; M & M Express Trucking at 27732 Ecorse until the September 24, 2018 City Council meeting. (Mohammed Alhusseini from M & M Express Trucking came before Council). **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

4. Chairperson's Report

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events. Economic Development Director, Tim Keyes, spoke about the job fair to be held at the RAC on Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon; also, representatives from Amazon will provide application assistance for anyone who would like to apply for a job on-line with Amazon.

18-321 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a one-year contract with Midwest Recycling which allows for up to five (5) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement between the City of Romulus and Midwest Recycling. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-322 5B. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for landscape design services for the Vining Road median between Ecorse and Smith Roads for a cost not to exceed $16,700 plus reimbursable expenses of $350. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-323 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Group TAM Plan for SMART Subrecipients Agreement. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-324 5D. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the Recording Secretary Services Contract with Cheryl McGuire to perform recording secretary duties for the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth. **Nays** – Webb, Williams. **Motion Carried**.

18-325 5E. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into the FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) FY 2017 Grant in the amount of $1,347,000.00 for the addition of five (5) full-time firefighters to the Romulus Fire Department. The City's contribution match in the amount of $514,625 will be in increments over the three **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-326 6A1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to grant approval to Abernathy & Pickles (REOC-2018-034) for use of public right-of-way at 37129 Goddard Road for three parking spaces. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-327 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to schedule a half-hour study session on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the City of Romulus Purchasing Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-328 6A3. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and approve the sale of Parcel 80 042 01 0032 300, vacant residential land located on Colbert, to Jeffrey D. Lowrey for $1,000 **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that the due date to pay taxes (Sept. 30th) lands on a Sunday, so taxes will be due on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018. Also, due to the temporary removal of the payment drop box which was in front of city hall, citizens are encouraged to utilize the drop box at the entrance of city hall.

7. Public Comment

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

Councilwoman Williams inquired as to when the construction of the parking lot at city hall will be completed. Mayor Burcroff was informed it will take about three to four weeks for completion.

18-329 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-17 in the amount of $1,256,254.93. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on September 10, 2018.

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Calendar of events

Behind the Scene meetings set

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC) will host "Behind the Scene" sessions from 6-7 p.m. every Thursday through Nov. 1. These gatherings are meant to be question and answer sessions where regarding the PARC project.

"Here is an opportunity for the Plymouth Community to get information regarding PARC first hand. I will be here every Thursday to answer all your questions so no one will leave misinformed," said Don Soenen, PARC board president.

Sessions will take place in the PARC Model Room located on the first floor at the facility, located at 650 Church St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 927-4090.

PARC is a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to convert the historic Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation complex serving the greater Plymouth community.

City hall exhibits artwork

Members of the Three Cities Art Club will exhibit art at the Westland Gallery at City Hall through Nov. 29. The Gallery is located in the west wing, to the left when entering Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. The gallery is open during regular city hall office hours.

The exhibition will include original works done in watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, charcoal, pastel, airbrush, and photography. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. Purchase original art starting at $75. For further information, contact Marilyn Meredith at (313) 231-3939 or email marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

Philharmonic plans concert

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform their season opener "NANiversary" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The concert will celebrate Nan Washburn's 20 years with the Michigan Philharmonic as music director and conductor.

The orchestra will perform several of Washburn's favorite pieces. Tickets are available on-line at www.michiganphil.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

Firefighters serve breakfast

The firefighters from the Wayne Fire Department will serve all you can eat pancakes from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Oct. 6 at the fire station.

The station is located at 3300 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Advance tickets are not required.

Queen of the Blues to perform

The internationally famous Thornetta Davis, winner of more than 30 Detroit Music Awards, will perform on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. A special Pre-Show Bourbon Tasting event is planned at 6:30 p.m.

The concert will also feature a bourbon tasting in the lobby. Patrons will learn the history of bourbon, how it is made, and have the opportunity to purchase a taste of three distinct flavors.

Opening for Thornetta Davis will be the Jibs Brown Band, known as one of the Detroit's most recognizable acoustic artists.

Tickets for this experience are $28 and are now available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Fire Station hosts tours, open house

The City of Plymouth Fire Station will be open for free tours along with an open house from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 7 to celebrate National Fire Prevention Week.

Tours will continue Monday, Oct. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 13 and are suitable for adults and children. To schedule a group tour, contact the City Fire Department at (734)453-1234 extension 280 or email at jdavison@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Fire Prevention Week begins on Sunday, Oct. 7.

The fire station is located at 201 S. Main. Several interactive demonstrations will be on display including the Canton Township Fire Safety House. Children and adults can participate in emergency scenarios and learn about household fire hazards.

For more information, call the number listed above.

Cemetery Walk is set

Members of the Wayne Historical Society have scheduled a "Walk With Us In The Old Wayne Cemetery" from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7.

The cemetery is located on westbound Michigan Avenue next to the Phoenix Theater in downtown Wayne.

This is a free event but donations are appreciated. Cider and donuts will be served.

Parking will be available at the north entrance in the rear of cemetery.

Fire Department hosts open house

The Romulus Fire Department will host an open house from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 in celebration of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7 through 13.

Firepup will be on hand along with vehicle displays, demonstrations and fire safety handouts.

The event will take place at the fire department headquarters at 28777 Eureka Road in Romulus.

School bond vote is topic

Members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education have authorized a bond question on the Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

Information about the necessity for the bond and the improvements it will fund will be discussed during a public forum at 6 p.m. Oct. 9 at the David Hicks Elementary School located at 100 Helen St, Inkster, MI 48141.

The meetings are open to the public and Dr. Shelley Holt, superintendent of schools will present information about the proposal. Members of the Bond Action Team will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call Jenny Johnson at (734) 419-2001 or Maria Mitter at (734) 419-2036.

Blue Cat Band to perform

Blues @ The Elks is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a $5 donation at the door.

Chocolate Affair Sunday

The 14th Annual A Chocolate Affair will take place this year from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7 at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland

The event includes an afternoon of tasting chocolate specialties from area restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate maker. There will also be raffles and door prizes.

All funds generated from the event will benefit First Step programs. First Step offers free and confidential supportive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Tickets for the event are priced at $30 and are available at the First Step offices in Plymouth, 44567 Pinetree Dr. Plymouth.

The event is sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan and Catherine McAuley divisions.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Barb Weir at (734) 453-1459 or Pat Burba at (734) 981-1702.

The Hellenic Cultural Center is located at 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

The Blue Cat Band will perform Tuesday, Oct. 9. This group has been together for 22 years bringing four lifetimes of music to the stage with backgrounds in rock, country and folk.

Band members are Al Carmichael on guitar and vocals, Billy Farris on guitar and vocals, Frankie Lee on bass, and Ken Murphy on drums. www.thebluecatband.com.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email

Town hall millage meeting

A fire and police public safety millage town hall meeting is planned for Romulus residents beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The facility is located at 35765 Northline Road in Romulus.

School bond discussed

Members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education have authorized a bond question on the General Election ballot.

Information about the necessity for the bond and the improvements it will fund will be discussed during a public forum at 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at Stevenson Middle School located at 38501 Palmer Road in Westland, MI 48186.

The meetings are open to the public and Dr. Shelley Holt, superintendent of schools will present information about the proposal. Members of the Bond Action Team will be available to answer questions.

For more information, call Jenny Johnson at (734) 419-2001 or Maria Mitter at (734) 419-2036.

Historic schoolhouse is topic

Members of the Wayne Historical Society will present: America's One Room School House, a Disappearing 19th Century and Earlier Icon, a Valuable History to Preserve. The presenter will be Cheryl Vatcher-Martin a board member of MORSA (Michigan One Room Schoolhouse Association).

The presentation is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Wayne Historical Museum, located at Biddle and Main in downtown Wayne.

This is a free event although donations are gratefully accepted.

Refreshments will be served.

League of Women voters is topic

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library will welcome Angela Ryan from the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County to the Homegrown Knowledge stage at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11.

Ryan will discuss the history of the organization and the mission of the group, as well as describe November ballot proposals and current lawsuits affecting voting legislation. The event will take place at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville, MI 48111

For information, call (734) 699-3291.

City hosts Fall Festival

The City of Romulus will host a Fall Festival from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 at Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St.

Events include downtown hayrides, voting in the Scarecrow Contest, stories from the Romulus Historical Society along with a tour and treats.

There will be walking tacos, hot dogs and other concessions available for purchase and there will be face painting and apple decorating taking place.

Costumes are encouraged and participants should bring a bag for treats.

For more information, call (734) 942-7571.

Sponsors for the event include Wayne County Community College District, Wings Financial Credit Union, the Independent Fire Fighters Association and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Spellbinder tells ghost stories

Eerie tales of horror and fright, goblins and ghouls will again enthrall and terrify audiences when the Canton Historical Society hosts the annual evening of Ghost Stories from 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Cady-Boyer Barn.

As has become a tradition, 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe will tell the scary stories, suitable for ages 8 and older. The barn is located in Preservation Park at 500 North Ridge Road.

Cider and two donuts are included with the ticket and will be available while supplies last.

Tickets, priced at $5, are now on sale at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, the White Pole Barn at the Canton Farmers Market on Sundays, the Canton Historical Museum located at 1022 Canton Center Road, and at the door. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this special event. For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

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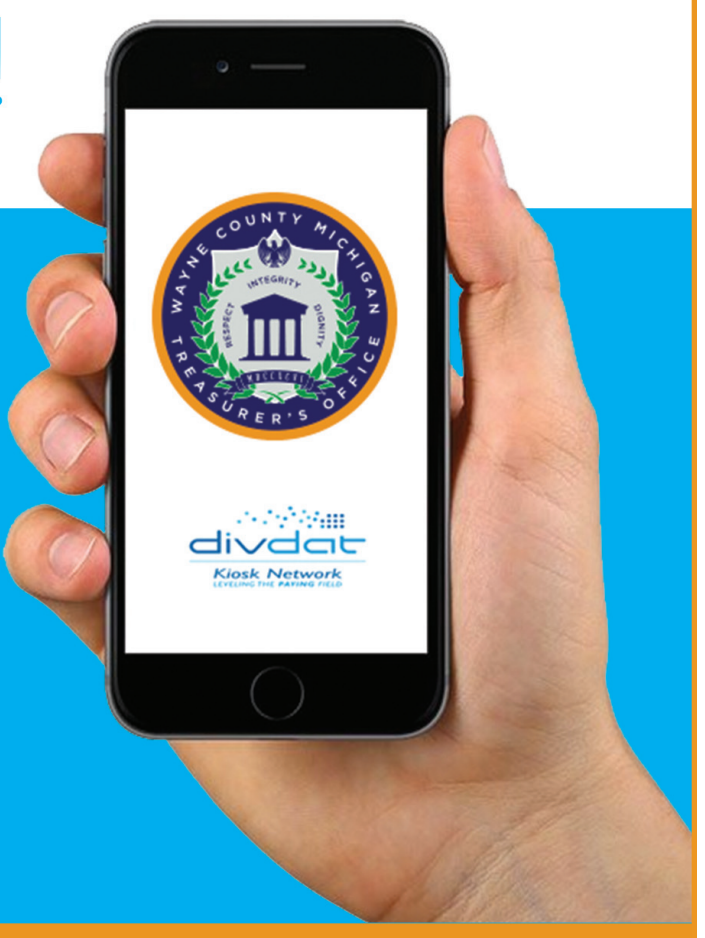

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